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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to support broadband competition. I chose to leave Comcast and go with Sonic, a competitive provider, a few years ago because the product was overpriced and inadequate, the customer service was terrible, and the company's values didn't align with mine. I was able to find the right product for my lifestyle specifically because of a robust free market system which, by the way, is a lynchpin of American democracy.

I say NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services. Having unobstructed access to the Internet means having access to information. Having access to information gives people the ability to understand themselves, their community, and the world they live in. Protecting the free spread of and access to information is essential to providing Americans with better lives.

In addition, I work as a freelance writer, historian, and museum professional and I could not make a living were it not for the superior, unthrottled wireless service provided by Sonic. I live in a home where three of us stream videos, download historical materials, write and share content all at the same time. I previously had Comcast and AT&T, both of which would throttle our service, thus preventing me from getting work done. I could not run my business successfully without Sonic and the competitive broadband it provides, and for that I'm eternally grateful.

Please protect the free market and competitive broadband.

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